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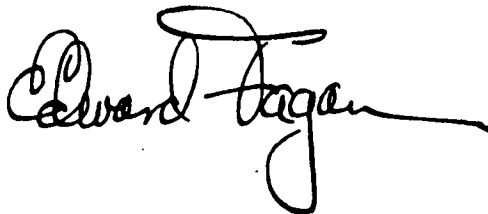
The feature article in this issue of THE CATHOLIC LAWYER digests the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 and outlines the work performed under it in the field of legal services for the poor. Prepared by the St. Thomas More Institute for Legal Research it is published to provide background material for the symposium on legal services for the poor which will appear in the Spring 1968 issue of THE CATHOLIC LAWYER.

The importance of this subject to all lawyers cannot be over-emphasized. In the words of Sargent Shriver, Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity and one of the symposium contributors:

There is a growing awareness across the country that the poor have, in fact, been deprived of their rights under the law. With this awareness, there is a new appreciation of the contribution the law and lawyers can make to get poor people out of poverty.

The extension of legal services to the poor is a means to an end, the establishment of the rule of law—that ordered quest for dignity, for justice, and for opportunity—which is the central concern of society today.

This is the ultimate goal of the War on Poverty, not simply to extend legal services, but to instill in all of us the perspective of the aggrieved, the needy, the destitute; to bring into being a nationwide, aroused conscience; and to exhort the Bar to approach the legal problems of the poor, not simply as lawyers, but as human beings personally aroused by each instance of injustice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Edward Tegen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

EDITOR